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HARRY REASONER: Now that the Supreme Court has lifted the lid on US newspapers, there was a deluge of articles based on the secret Pentagon report today. The New York Times said that the CIA's chief operative in Saigon, Lieutenant Colonel Lucien Konien, kept the White House informed weeks in advance of the military coup that overthrew the Diem regime in 1963.

Konien told ABC News today that only twenty percent of the story is being told. He said if the other eighty percent were told it would put the United States in a more savory light.